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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01/10/2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Picco et al (US Patent 6,868,292 B2) in view of Asghar et al (US 6,218,931 B1). Hereinafter referred as Ficco and Asghar.

Regarding claims 1, 5, 7, 12 and 20, Ficco discloses a method, system and computer program of controlling a plurality of application devices comprising (**Figure 1**) the steps of: a server including code (**column 15 lines 8-12**) for retrieving first documents (**HTML File (801) in figure 9**) from a first set of the plurality of application devices by a server (**Host Processor (815) in figure 9**); retrieving identification of a user by the server (**column 16 lines 4-6**); characterized in that the method further comprises the steps of: generating second documents by the server, each comprising at least one instruction, on the basis of at least a part of the retrieved identification of the user and at least a part of the first documents (**column 16 lines 1-4**); sending at least one of the second documents to each device of a second set of the application devices by the server (**column 16 lines 14-26**); and performing, for a particular application

device of the second set, one instruction from at least one of the second documents received in the particular application device (**HP 310 issues commands (S15) in figure 13**).

However, Ficco is silent in teaching wherein said second documents reflects a status of the plurality of application devices. Asghar teaches on (**column 3 lines 21-27**) a control unit configured to receive status information from the appliances, such as the current power status of lamp. The computer gathers water and electrical power usage data. Control unit may also be used to turn on or off coffee maker, etc.

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to include the use of a system which reflects the status of the application device. This is a useful combination because the system is able to control appliances remotely. This is great for clients that want to control their devices when they are away from their home on vacation or business.

Regarding claims 2, 6, 8, and 13, Ficco discloses a method, system and a computer program (**Column 20 lines 8-11**) according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of retrieving identification of the user further comprises the steps of retrieving user profile information based on the user identification by the server (**Column 16 lines 4-6**); and retrieving context profile information relating to surroundings of the user by the server (**Column 16 lines 6-13**). The server is enabled to retrieve user profile (**column 15 lines 8-12**).

Regarding claims 3, 9, 14, and 17, Ficco discloses a method according to claim 1, characterized in that the documents comprise at least one of Hyper Text Markup Language (**Column 8 lines 5-6**), Scalable Vector Graphics, Resource Description Framework and Extensible Markup Language (**column 8 lines 14-16**).

Regarding claims 4, 10-11, 15-16, and 18-19, Ficco discloses a method according to claim 1, characterized in that the application devices comprise at least one of Web tablet, set-top box, VCR, TV, PDA, lamp, coffee machine, radio, telephone, background wall, DVD player and electronic information panel (**Figure 1**).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRANKLIN ANDRAMUNO whose telephone number is (571)270-3004. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (571)272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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